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SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO SOLDIERS SERVING UNDER UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special allowances are being paid to the soldiers participating in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rules and regulations being followed at the time of death of a soldier participating in UN peacekeeping mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The soldiers participating in the United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Missions are entitled for the overseas allowances at the following rates:-

Officers	:	US $ 2200 Per month
Junior Commissioned Officers	:	US $ 1650 Per month
Other ranks	:	US $ 1000 Per month.

In addition, the troops are also paid daily allowance and recreation leave allowance. Military officers deployed in the UN Missions as Observers are paid subsistence allowances directly by the UN in accordance with the guidelines of the UN.

(c) A 'Noticas' (Notification of Casualty) is initiated by the Mission Headquarters in the event of death of a soldier. Based on the Noticas, the unit of the soldier prefers a claim on the UN through the Permanent Mission of India (PMI), New York. The UN awards compensation of one time lump-sum amount of US$ 50000/- in each case of death attributable to service in UN Peacekeeping Mission operations and the amount is paid to the Government of India through the PMI. On receipt of the amount, the payment is made to the Next of Kin of the deceased soldier in accordance with the extant guidelines.